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## LONDON, LAUREL COUNTY.

—Mr. R. C. Ford is getting along very well.

—H. A. Bonduelle has returned from his mail-rout trip.

—Add Reese, artistic tensorial operator, is a happy daddy again, and it is a bright little daughter.

—John Whitmore and Jack Barrett were both fined Sunday for drinking a little too much publicly, and didn't care who knew it.

—The picnic at Pittsburg was a grand affair, hundreds being in attendance. Dancing and many other features of entertainment were given to the people.

—Hon. W. E. Ramsey and J. A. Craft spoke for and against the constitution. Parties who attended said to me that if either had kept silent his side would have better off.

—One of Hon. Harry Eversole's little boys got out on the leg by another one a few days ago with a scythe. He has needed constant attention ever since, although not seriously hurt.

—Mr. Pat Stillings, attorney at law now, is back from attending school at Ann Harbor, Mich., where he graduated. Pat is a bright young man, and if he gets the patronage he deserves for his energy in trying to learn about law, he will certainly leave many of the other ones in practice.

—The London cornet band went to Woodbine Saturday to the laying of a corner stone to the Masonic hall. They were accompanied by J. C. McKee, Judge M. M. Barnett and Hon. Sam Wren. There were 15 members of the band, and every one gave praises of their kind treatment by all.

—There was a horse whipping at tempted in town Saturday on a prominent citizen, but owing to the peculiar circumstances and the injury it would do to the man in the affair, who is prominent in his political opinion against the writer, and who may not deserve it according to his statement, I withhold names.

—Hons. T. Freeman, of Bourbonville, and W. R. Ramsey, of London, will speak at the court-house next county court day, the 13th, in favor of this constitution. They will be opposed to by Judge R. Boyd and Hon. E. K. Wilson, of this place. Considerable amount of intellectual ability will be generated on this occasion, and everybody should attend and be enlightened if they are not already. Since waiting the above I have been notified that Judge Boyd would rather not have any announcement that he will speak.

## MATRIMONIAL MATTERS.

—C. A. Hogan got a verdict at Hender, Col., against S. W. French for \$70.00 for alienating his wife's affections.

—George Rader, of Covington, lost his wife, and instead of going and getting another one went off and hanged himself.

—Mr. Fleming G. Brady went to Louisville the other day and returned Sunday with a fair and buxom bride, younger than his youngest child. She was Miss Lulu Nailer, formerly of this county, but for the last two years of Louisville. The ceremony was performed in Jeffersonville. We wish the couple joy in their new relation and a long life of conjugal felicity.

## CHURCH AFFAIRS.

—Rev. J. C. Burkholder, of Elizabethtown, will preach at the Baptist church here Wednesday night, 8th, at 8 o'clock.

—Rev. W. Y. Sheppard was accompanied by Mr. J. T. Mispel to his service here Sunday, which was well attended. Mr. Sheppard tells us that he is also trying to establish a mission at Somerset, in which we hope he will be successful.

—Rev. H. M. Linzy, who now lives in Tordonsville, Va., gets after us in the Central Methodist for making light of camp meetings, but we submit that the facts that we were "born in Hanover county, Va., where Bishop Asbury organized the first Sunday school in America, where Harry of the West first saw the light, and where our father was for many years a Methodist steward" furnish no especial reasons to espouse the cause of camp meetings, when we see at High Bridge especially what a crowd it brings together and what an amount of devility is done under the guise of going to meeting.

—The wife of a German emigrant gave birth to twins in a day coach while en route from Chicago to Great Falls, Mont.

## Marvelous Endurance.

The vast amount of labor performed by the heart in keeping all portions of the body supplied with blood is not generally known. It beats 100,000 times and forces the blood at the rate of 100 miles a day, which is 1,000,000,000 times and 4,000,000 miles in a life time. No wonder there are so many heart failures. The first symptoms are shortness of breath when exerting, pain in the side or stomach, fluttering, choking in throat, oppression then follow weak, hungry or smothering sleep, swollen ankles, etc. Dr. Frank M. New Heart Cure is the only remedy. Sold by A. R. Penny.

## Fifty Spasms a Day.

Had Mrs. H. A. Gardner, of Victoria, Ind., lived two thousand years ago she would have been thought to be possessed by evil spirits. She was subject to nervous prostration, headaches, dizziness, backache, palpitation and forty to fifty spasms a day. Though having been treated by eight physicians for years without success, she was permanently cured by one bottle of Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine. A trial bottle of this new and wonderful medicine, and a fully illustrated treatise free at A. R. Penny's Drug Store, who recommends and guarantees it.

## CRAB ORCHARD.

—Let's draw a brief—the snoring, snoring fourth has swept by.

—Andy Stewart is the hair-chipper and chin polisher at C. O. Springs this season.

—An infant child of Wm. Land, age 3 months, died and was buried at Preachersville Thursday.

—The "number man," half acrobat and half comedian, exhibited to a respectable audience at College Hall Saturday night.

—The Preachersville public school, numbering 118 pupils, will be taught this year by that elegant and talented lady, Mrs. Nannie B. Jennings; and, it goes without saying that the school will be conducted on a high plane of excellence.

—Chicken thieves have been getting in their work again in this vicinity. Wednesday night Mr. John McClure's hen-house was entered, and two dozen nice young fowls that ere long would have made the breakfast dish mighty tempting, were carried off. No clue to the hungry rascals.

—The prize of a week's board, which Col. D. C. Slaughter offered recently to the one formulating the greatest number of current English words from the 17 letters composing "Green Brier Springs," has been awarded to Florence Blair, of St. Mary's, Ky., whose list numbered 679 words. Quite a number sent in 500 and upwards, but Miss Florence's scholarly industry takes the cake and cream, and she will be treated to them at once by the genial colonel.

—Frank Dillion is back from Middlesboro, where he went to show the novice of the Western Union office there how to "take" Associated Press dispatches. He says that the Magic City and its environs are too "tough" for his anatomy. Mr. Matt Engelman, of Shelby City, has been engaged by Col. Slaughter to hotel clerk at Green Brier this season. Messrs. D. B. Edmiston, accompanied by that robust spell-binder, Col. J. P. Chandler, went to Pleasant Point Saturday to meet the "dear people."

—Dr. John S. Cooper returned to Louisville Friday. Misses Maggie Melvin and Lulu Fremont, two pretty little belles of this vicinity, went up to Broadhead Friday to spend a few days with Mrs. Maggie Holman. Felix Myers is in from St. Louis, Mo., visiting his grandfather, Mrs. M. L. Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Allender and Mrs. Jones, all of Lexington, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Curtis in the Cedar Creek locality. Messrs. Holman, Stuart, Russell Dillion, Tony Brooks and Wilson Dillion were down from their mountain lodges the fourth, celebrating.

—Mr. J. B. Glickerson, our local and loyal Scotch townsman, has in his possession an interesting souvenir of his native country in the shape of a spectacle case made of the wood of a tree within the enclosure whose repose the last remains of Scotland's great national poet, Robert Burns. On one side of the case is a picture of the "clay beggin'" where the illustrious minstrel was born; and on the other, is depicted "Alloway's auld haunted kirk," where doubtless he often met his "Bonnie Jean," and from which the witless sallied forth in pursuit of Toun O'Shanter, as related in his poems. Mr. Glickerson purchased the case in 1876 while in Scotland, and regards it with a Scotchman's characteristic veneration for every thing associated with the glory of the land of Wallace and Bruce.

—Along with other holiday observers we visited Green Brier hotel Saturday—that beautiful summer paradise, conceived, constructed and presided over by that masterly genius and prince of landlords, Col. D. C. Slaughter. Everything, you may safely bet, was in gala shape about the premises; and the big crowd that surged through the halls and parlors and crowded on the verandas was just made of the right cloth. We judge from the exuberant expression on each face, to eat, drink, dance and be merry. With a royal dinner to sit down to, spirited music to inspire and beauty to captivate, everybody seemed to yield themselves willing captives to the charms of pleasure; and when we left about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when beauty and gallantry were at their best, "chasing the glowing hours with flying feet," we felt just like the fellow did who said after the love fest, "it was good to be there." For the Colonel and his elegant wife, who plays the role of hostess most gracefully, both of whom showed us every kindness and attention, we want to say that we have a bright spot in our heart that fortune or length of days will never wholly mar.

—Col. Henry H. Houston, republican candidate for lieutenant governor, came down here from the mountains and spent Sunday in recuperating for this week's ordeal. By the way there's a little romance connected with the colonel's visit to Crab Orchard, that may be the prelude to a more swelling act. The colonel is a widower; and, like most widowers, is dressy to a recherche degree, and as gallant as a Moorish knight. While making a speech here a week or two ago, he was heard and seen by one

of our dark-eyed, dark-haired Juliet, who straightway fell desperately in love with the courtly colonel; and the next day after he had departed, sent him by express a handsome bouquet, bearing a note which doubtless savored of calumnies or some other sweet bloom. Whether touched by this floral offering or not, the colonel came back here Saturday and as late would have it in the post-office the two, the colonel and the pretty bouquet sender, met face to face, and were at once introduced by Mr. Edmiston, who to give him credit knows something himself of the ways of women. To make the story short, the fair maids took the susceptible colonel home with her, where doubtless he was initiated into a labyrinth more enchanting than the Cretan of old and one that will prove more difficult for him to find his way out of than the labyrinth of politics. Verily, the democratic Caesar will have no trouble in coping with this republican Antony, enthralled as he is by the charms of this village Cleopatra.

## Pleasant Point Picnic—A Big Crowd and a Big Time.

KINGSVILLE, July 6.—The annual Sunday school and Fourth-of-July picnic given by the people of the vicinity of Pleasant Point church, one mile from Kingsville, on Saturday last, like all its predecessors, was to those who attended a source of great joy and pleasure. The programme, of which a copy is here given, consisted of recitations by the children, alternating with songs by the choir, and each child's part was performed as well as could be done. The morning programme was as follows: "There is no Death," Miss Lena Griffin; "Home," Miss Lillie Cummings; "One by One," Miss Belle Johnson; "A Little Child," Miss Bertie Snow; "Song," Misses Mattie and Lou Singleton; "I Want a Piece of Calico," Miss Lena Dye; "The Philistines," Miss Maud Snow; "Pretty Girl," Miss Lizzie Dye; "Two Little Hands," Miss Reba Clark; "Give me Thine Heart," Miss Addie Hensley; "Palm Talk from Johanna," Jimmie Snow. Addresses were made in the morning by Revs. B. W. and Lyle and Mr. H. P. Young, after which there was an adjournment for dinner and the large crowd was beautifully supplied with the best the land affords.

The exercises were resumed at 1:30 and the addresses made, in the order named: Mr. J. B. Paxton, Judge W. E. Varmon, Hon. W. H. Miller, and Col. F. P. Hill. The programme was then resumed: "Dawning Day," Miss Lizzie Phelps; "Daring Little Pearl," Miss Lillie Phelps; "Biding on the Cars," Lucille Murphy.

There were about 1,000 people present and a more orderly crowd was never assembled. All felt feeling that they had been well paid for their day's outing. Bro. M. P. Middleton, who presided, is to be congratulated on the success of the day's performance, and likewise congratulated, together with his coadjutors, for the good he is accomplishing in this section of the county.

## FARM AND TRADE ITEMS.

—Ed Jones had a fine Granby Billy to die of colic Sunday night.

—A number of crops of wheat have been brought here at 75 cents.

—Lightning struck a field of wheat in Christian county, and burned it entirely up.

—Love Lillard sold to Cliff Anderson on Saturday 3,000 bushels of wheat at 80 cents.

—Joseph Shelby sold to Johnson, of Boyle, a bunch of extra good yearlings at 31 cents.

—J. W. Cook lost a fine yearling colt valued at \$500 last week from being altered. He was by Metropolitan.

—Richard Robinson bought of David Thompson 20 2-year-old cattle at 24 cts., and of Hays, of Rockcastle, a brood mare for \$100.

—D. C. Terhune bought 23 very fine mule colts, all mares but three, in Boyle county, at prices ranging from \$40 to \$55.—Harrodsburg Democrat.

—Mr. J. E. Bruce, who takes notice of such things, says that he counted 75 wheat fields between this place and Danville while making the trip a few days ago.

—Capt. E. W. Lillard, Secretary of the Garrard Fair, will accept our thanks for a kind invitation to attend the exhibitions July 17 and 18. We shall be there in person or proxy without fail.

—The Lexington Gazette says that some sales of wheat have been there at 80 and 85 and that it is the disposition of the farmers to sell at once and not wait for a better market. Some crops average as high as 35 bushels to the acre.

—Cozatt & Sisk bought of J. H. Banghman 1,000 bushels of wheat last week at 80 cts. The wheat in this county is turning out very badly. Of the crops that have been delivered to Funk & Anderson there has not been a single bushel that would grade, and from reports from different portions of the county almost the entire crop is in a similar condition. The yield has been such as to promise good returns to the farmers, but the smut has discouraged all hopes of any profit.—Advocate.

## HUSTONVILLE.

—Billy Wright, of the Moreland neighborhood, passed through town late Saturday with nearly 100 nice ewes, which he brought in Pulaski.

—A card from Jimmie Cooke in reference to the condition of the river and the extraordinary success of the anglers at the Falls, has had a distressingly protesting effect on our sportmen, as they can't get off.

—A grand picnic, balloon ascension, speaking and dancing at Sycamore Grove, drew a large crowd of patriots. Good music, good speaking, good eating and good order made every attendant proud of his county and glad that he didn't miss Casey's inevitable thanks giving on our national natal anniversary. The balloonist didn't make connection but he was forgotten in the general good time enjoyed.

—The weather was never more propitious at harvest time. Dry, breezy every day after early morning, and the clover hay has been housed, wheat put in shock without a drop of rain, and the weeds in cornfields exterminated. Corn has made phenomenal growth during past two weeks, but grass is drying rapidly, stock water failing and weather becoming threateningly dry. A soaker now would put farmers in high feather, even though little wheat has been stacked.

—David Spilman Carpenter and wife, of Somerset, reached town Saturday afternoon to pay kindred and friends a short visit. Spill is enthusiastic in praise of Pulaski, and the tenor of his talk is to the effect that he is an exception to the established rule that West Enders have ceased to remove in expectation of finding a permanent abiding place. Mrs. Jennie Smith, a handsome young widow of Covington, and her son Hugh, arrived last week, and will spend the summer with relatives. Mrs. S. is a daughter of Dr. John Riffe, a native of this end. Miss Agnes Riffe is visiting in Perryville.

—Some vandals entered Prof. Thompson's buggy house Friday night and cut to pieces the top of his phaeton. A few nights previous Bro. Williams' buggy was appropriated and replaced in good condition. Our vigilant marshal is hot on the trail of the scoundrels, of whose identity he is assured, but a link or two were wanting in the chain of evidence he is forging. It is much to the credit of our municipality that but one arrest has been necessary since our last marshal was installed, and, sad to say, that individual is a self-styled missionary who shipped an extra cargo of beer and had to be removed from the sidewalk before the hour that he had announced himself for a lecture on his Oriental travels and observations.

## DEATHS' DOINGS.

—A child of Mr. James Daugherty died at Rowland Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pryor were called upon Sunday to mourn the loss of their little boy Denton, who died of meningitis. Rev. John Bell Gibson preached the funeral sermon at the residence Sunday afternoon, and the remains were brought to Buffalo cemetery for interment.

—Wood Wallace, until recently the well known 4th street gent's furnisher, Louisville, died Friday of heart disease with which he had suffered for some time. He was a native of Danville, where his remains were brought for interment. He married Mrs. Julia Camire two years ago, and she with one child survives him.

—Mrs. Mary Ann Jones, aged 72, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Saline Sims, at 11 o'clock, Saturday, of inflammation of the bowels, caused by mixing patent medicines of a different character. Mrs. Jones was a native of Georgia and had been a member of the Baptist church for over 40 years, dying firm in the faith and anticipating a glorious resurrection. Besides Mrs. Sims two other children, Mr. L. S. Jones, of Middlesboro, and Thomas Jones, of Georgia, survive her. Rev. George Hunt conducted a short service at the house Sunday morning, after which the remains were interred in Buffalo cemetery.

—Tenny beat Kingston at Sheephead Saturday four lengths in a mile and a furlong, time 1:55.

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## The New Constitution Destroys the Legislature.

The tendency, as well as the direct aim, of the new constitution is at enmity with the true interests of the people.

The proper province of organic law in a free country is circumscribed and simple. It is, in the first place, to declare the form of government, and divide this into the necessary departments, carefully separating and defining the powers and duties of each. It should, in the next place, declare plainly and clearly the fundamental, natural rights of the individual, such as consent themselves to the instinctive and universal sense of right, and such as society may in no case abridge, deny or interfere with. Of these the chief are the right to enjoy and defend one's life, the right to acquire property, the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience and the right of free speech. In other words it is the province of a constitution to erect merely the framework, the skeleton, of government, leaving to the people, who are the real sovereigns, all the rest; that is to say, the making of rules, or laws, for their own government in a free State he left to the people. The sovereign power should not, and cannot in our country, be lodged elsewhere. All popular governments are divided into three departments—the executive which carries into effect, which executes, the laws made by the people; the judicial, which constrains and determines the meaning of these laws, and the legislative, which makes them. Of these three, important and indispensable as are the first two, the third or legislative department is obviously of far the greatest importance. Each legislature comes fresh from the sovereign people. It voices the wishes, the changing needs, the will, of the people. It is the people. Every limitation therefore upon the powers of this branch of government, except to say that it shall not change the form of government or violate the natural and inalienable rights of the individual, is an unwarranted and dangerous abridgement of the right of a free people to govern themselves as they see fit. In truth in all instances where a people has lost its liberties, except when overrun and conquered by a foreign power, it has occurred through the gradual and insidious encroachment by the other departments of government upon the legislative. So long as the legislature is untrammelled the people are free. In exactly the proportion that it is restricted the people are enslaved. These are fundamental truths which no believer in popular government will or can deny. Now, with them in mind, let any one dispassionately read the new constitution and the debates on it in the convention. He will find in the latter everywhere, openly expressed or only thinly concealed, a profound contempt for the legislature and for the virtue and intelligence of the people. "I never do much on the people," says Mr. DeLoach Bennett Young, with a sneer and without remorse. "I have but little use for legislatures, and would abolish them if I could." The reader will find, further, in almost every section of this new instrument, a set, deliberate, design to cripple the power of the legislature and to silence the voice of the people.

It directly diminishes the power of the legislature by shortening its sessions, (Sec. 44), by providing that when summoned by the governor it shall only consider such matters as he may choose to direct (Sec. 83), and by expressly forbidding it to legislate at any time upon 30 enumerated subjects, all of which are of direct and immediate concern to the people (Sec. 62). It indirectly still further emasculates this "assembly" of the people by anticipating for all time any legislative action on their part on the most important matters affecting them—by putting, in other words, mere statutes into the unchangeable form of constitutional law. For instance, and in opposition to the best minds of the convention, it takes the whole subject of taxation and revenue from the people, to whom it of clear right belongs, and embodies it in Sections 175 to 189 inclusive. It takes from the people living in towns and cities the power to adapt themselves to their varied circumstances and necessities and undertakes to govern them all by one non-bound law (Sections 163 to 174 inclusive). It adopts a code of vicious and experimental statutes to regulate corporations (Secs. 198 to 216 inclusive), and to exercise external control over railroads and commerce (Sections 217 to 227 inclusive), and provides mandatorily for a secret ballot (Sec. 154) instead of leaving it open and optional with the people. Like cautious father, prescribing to his small boy to whom he has given a dime he shall be expended, it even provides the exact number of pages the people of a great State may employ in the general assembly—four in the house and three in the senate!

All this mass of matter is purely legislative and statutory. Some of it is good as legislation, we admit, and some of it as bad as can be, but the point we make is, that, whether good or bad, it belongs all of it peculiarly and exclusively to the control of the people in

their legislative assemblies, and is as much and as grotesquely out of place in a constitution as would be a police ordinance of the town of Stanford in the gospel by St. John. It is more than this. It is an audacious attempt to usurp and forestall the just authority of the people. It is an effort to palsy the chief and most vital arm of civil government. It is a structural change of the State government. It is revolution, and treason to the sovereign power, such as in former times might have cost the delegates their heads—had they been thought worth the taking. If the people of Kentucky are willing to limit their participation in their own government to the weak, misshapen, abortive, emasculated thing which the new constitution offers them as a legislature, they will vote for it. If they are not ready to abdicate their sovereignty—and in favor of a hundred most ordinary, though most respectable, men—they will reject it, and cling to the old constitution, which with all its admitted imperfections is infinitely safer and better than the new. It is a constitution, and not a hotch-pot of empirical statute laws borrowed from the northwestern yankee States. It has no word of contempt for the legislature, it has no sneer for the people. Under it every man's rights are known and settled. Under it, in thousands of law-sheltered and happy homes, such a full-statured and glorious brood of free men and gracious women have been reared as the world has nowhere equalled. Kentuckians, be warned in time! Let well enough alone!

## Go in Peace.

The Courier-Journal in its leader of Saturday last has an elaborate defense of its recent change of front against the criticism of this and certain other rural newspapers. It is temperately, earnestly, and gracefully written, but has, we regret to say, in no wise altered our opinion. For a reason, which is purely imaginary—the avoidance of hurtful party dissension—and which would silence every tongue and pen in the State, and permit an unconsidered and unenlightened judgment to be rendered by the people upon the gravest issue joined in our generation, the Courier-Journal abdicates its conceded leadership, and, holding the strongest convictions that the proposed constitution is a dangerous menace to the peace, dignity, and welfare of the State, declines to advocate or utter them. Moreover, and in most unbecoming fashion, it leaves in the lurch its humbler comrades and associates in a common cause. No sufficient reason, no tolerable excuse, has been given, or indeed can be given, for this. We are not, however, our brother's keeper, and possibly we may not be so situated as to be capable of justly estimating the influences and motives which prompted so unlooked-for a course. Certainly, knowing and acknowledging as we do, the long, great and splendid service this journal has rendered both State and party, we have no disposition to judge it unkindly. The Times, which is but a brilliant evening edition of the Courier-Journal, plaintively asks if an erring sister may not be allowed to depart in peace.

So be it and—*per adieu*.  
Not having the money to redeem them with the administration has decided to extend the 4 1/2 per cent. bonds due Sept. 1 at 2 per cent., and hopes not without hope that its pets, the national banks, will come forward and help out of the hole. An exchange in noticing the extension says that a new loan, a vast increase of a long-continued war tariff, and a bogus style of book-keeping are all necessary, in time of profound peace, in order to save this administration from a deficit. And all this accomplished in two years and three months, notwithstanding that they started with a surplus of nearly \$130,000,000, and have been since in receipt of a revenue larger than that of any other government of the earth. Let the people realize this. Let them understand that they pay, in the increased prices of what they consume and in the decreased prices of what they produce, for all this wanton wreckless extravagance, and vote against any and every thing that has the republican brand on it.

JOHN BARDSLEY, Philadelphia's defuncting treasurer, was given 15 years in solitary confinement in the penitentiary and the amount he confessed to have stolen, \$237,530. Punishment does not often come as swiftly in such cases as this, because the people do not rise up and demand it, but if it did we should have less of such crimes. By the way, Bardsley was called "Honest John." There seems to be a fatality over a man who acquires such a handle to his name. Tate it will be remembered was known as "Honest Dick," all the time he was stealing thousands of dollars from the State. Beware of a man with such a trade mark.

RAILROAD HORRORS never come singly. The public was hardly over the shock caused by the Revenue, D., disaster, wherein 21 passengers were killed and 23 wounded by the mangled engine of a freight train plowing into a standing express, fire adding its terrors to the scene, when the news came from Charleston, W. Va., that an excursion train on the Kanawha & Michigan jumped a trestle, burying its freight of human beings in the debris. Fifteen were killed outright and 58 more or less seriously mangled. Verily in the midst of life we are in death.

## Are They Reduced to This?

Certain friends of the new constitution are claiming in the county, it is said, that it is more favorable to the matter of taxes to the poor man than the old constitution under which we are living, that it exempts from taxation \$250 worth of property, in section 176, whether it be land, stock or what not, and that under it the poor man is practically exempted from taxation. Each of these propositions is untrue, and exactly the opposite to each of them is true, as anyone desirous of informing himself may easily learn.

The old constitution permits the legislature to exempt from taxation just as much property as the people wish to have exempted. Under it the legislature might saddle the whole tax for State purposes on the railroads, as is done in Massachusetts and in California, and exempt from taxation all the property of individuals. Under the new constitution this wide and ample power to give relief to the people is abridged, and the legislature is forbidden to exempt more than \$250 worth—not in land, not in little homes—but in household goods and other personal property, which must of course be specifically designated, as it is now by act of the legislature. The section provides, "Not more in value of household goods and other personal property, of a person with a family, than \$250 shall be exempted from taxation." It does not exempt one cent's worth of any kind of property, whether land or goods, but only provides that the legislatures of the future may, if they choose, exempt not more than \$250 worth of personal property. It is simply a restriction, a limitation, on the present plenary power of the legislature in this regard. In point of fact the existing law under the wise permission of the present constitution, exempts from taxation (see General Statutes, chapter 27, article 1, sec. 8 and article 3, sec. 25) cattle of the value of \$50, the growing crop, articles made in the family for family use, all poultry and all provisions on hand for family use, household furniture to the value of \$250, sewing machines to the value of \$50 and farming implements and machinery to the value of \$250.

Here by a low estimate is exempted for each household in the State, an average of \$500 worth of personal property. The new constitution, if adopted, would at once compel the legislature to cut this list half in two, and reduce the exemptions to about \$100 in farming implements, \$100 in furniture, \$25 in cattle, \$25 in sewing machines, and nothing in the shape of growing crops, provisions, &c. The new constitution would thus, as shown by the report of the State Commissioner of Agriculture for 1889, necessarily add to the list of articles to be taxed 90 millions of dollars worth of the poor man's milk cows, sewing machines, plows, wagons, chairs, beds, and bread and meat for his family, which are now untaxed. Disastrous as we believe the new constitution would prove to all classes and to every interest in the State we unhesitatingly declare that it would bear more heavily, unfairly, and cruelly upon the farmer and laboring man than upon any other.

Don't take for gospel what every wise acre may tell you is in the new constitution. Call on us or send to us and get it read for yourself. It is your property and your liberty that are at stake.

As THE TIMES will not be in the ring to-morrow, its friends, the enemy, are cordially invited to wool it to their heart's content. This invitation is especially directed to Brother Walton, who, though somewhat disfigured, never throws up the sponge, and establishes the evenness of his temper by consistently staying in all the time.—(Louisville Times).

In the general disarmament at the corner of Fourth and Green, to escape the dread possibility of "friction," it is painful to note that Swash-buckler Logan has been deprived of his Damascus "weeper" and equipped with a dull barlow, which he is now permitted to draw only on his friends.

HANSRUD HANSEN, who was vice-president during Lincoln's first term, died suddenly at Bangor, Me., Saturday. He was playing a social game of pedro when the summons came, and he died almost immediately. He was born in Maine in 1809 and in his day served as legislator, congressman, U. S. senator, governor, and vice-president. His last public service was minister to Spain. He held public position for 50 years, and always with honor and fidelity.

Less than three weeks remain till the election, and yet no Garrard county democrat has expressed a willingness to serve his country in the approaching legislature. The Record calls loudly for some patriot to present himself, but so far in vain. What's the matter with Mr. James R. Morris for the position? He would redoubt credit upon old Garrard in the legislative halls and make a member of which the press as well as people would be proud.

If the report of Senator Blackburn's speech in favor of the new constitution was as given by the Louisville Commercial, the opponents of the instrument have nothing to fear from that source. It was a very lame argument, if such it could be called, tame in expression and lacking the force that the senator usually injects into his speeches, indicating very plainly that his heart is not in the work.

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